

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, a dreadful calamity has befallen our sister republic of Chile in the destruction by earthquake of Valparaiso and other localities;

Valparaiso earthquake.
Preamble.

And whereas, we of this nation at this moment see the city of San Francisco struggling upwards from the ruins in which a like catastrophe overwhelmed her last spring;

And whereas, we keep keenly in mind the thankful appreciation we felt for the way in which the peoples of Europe, Asia, and the Americas came forward with generous offers of assistance;

Now therefore, in this time of woe of our sister republic I ask that our people out of their abundance now strive to do to another as others last spring did to us. The National Red Cross Association has already taken measures to collect any subscriptions that may be offered for this purpose, and I trust that there will be a generous response.

Aid asked for the sufferers.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this 25 day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six,
[SEAL.] and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-first.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President:

ALVEY A. ADEE
Acting Secretary of State.